



AFFECTING PASSAGE

BETWEEN A
FATHER AND SON.

Glorious Forbearance! Worthy of a Crown.

ALPHONSO, King of Portugal, had come into France to solicit succours, in support of his niece Joanna's claim to Castile. From the repeated cold treatment he underwent at the court of Lewis XI, he could entertain no hopes of success! he even apprehended being delivered up to Ferdinand, the reigning King of Castile. In order to divert

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vert the prosecutions of any bad against him, he gave out that he intended to renounce the world, and spend the remainder of his days in the exercises of devotion and penitence; and farther, wrote an eternal letter to Don Juan his son, ordering him to be crowned King, without delay. Lewis himself time.. After dispatching this letter, Lewis privately withdrew, on which it was known that he had crossed the seas on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem; but by the strict search after him, he was discovered in a village called Honfleur. Lewis's interest now required that he should protect Alphonso, to the prejudice against Ferdinand and Isabella, then negotiating with Maximilian, who having married the heiress of Burgunda, was become King of the Netherlands. Lewis urged Alphonso to return to his dominions, and ordered the province of Normandy to furnish him with ships for the voyage. Don Juan, in the meantime, pursuant to his father's orders, had convened the states of Portugal in support of his coronation; and that ceremony being scarcely over, when he received advice that the king, his father, was landed.

Every consideration immediately gave way to filial duty. The young prince, in obedience to the sovereignty, lays aside the royal arms, and flies into his father's arms. Alphonso

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